THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) In the meeting of the University Grants Commission held on 1 August, 1995, members pointed out that over the years there has been a deterioration in certain aspects of the functioning of UGC. Chairperson, UGC explained some of the administrative and financial problems being faced by the Commission. She also informed the members that these were being looked into at her level in review meetings with senior officials. It was decided that members of the Commission may be requested to interact with senior officers to assist them in resolving these difficulties.

With a view to improving its operational efficiency and decentralising its working, the Commission has recently established five Regional Offices in different parts of the country.

This Department is rendering necessary support and assistance to the University Grants Commission in the discharge of its functions.

Revamping of IISCO

673. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) when the case of IISCO for revamping or otherwise was referred to BIFR;

(b) whether any decision has been taken in this regard;

(c) whether any proposal of handing over its running to SAIL or employees is pending consideration before Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) by when Government is expected to take a final decision; and

(f) pending all these decisions in which manner Govt, propose to meet the day to day requirements, including payment of salary of employees of IISCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (e) Since Indian Iron & Steel Company Ltd. (IISCO) became a sick industrial company in terms of the Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (as amended in February, 1994) a reference was made by the Board of Directors of IISCO to BIFR on 22nd June, 1994, as required under Section 15 of the Act, for determination of measures to be adopted with respect to the company.

Any scheme to be taken up for modernisation of IISCO will, therefore, have to be in accordance with the orders of the BIFR in this regard.

(f) Though IISCO has been referred to BIFR, its production and other activities have not been suspended. Its day to day requirements including payment of salaries to employees, are met through funds generated from its normal operations, borrowings from banks, material/funds support from SAIL etc.

Financing Irrigation Projects in Madhya Pradesh

674. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the irrigation projects in Madhya Pradesh, districtwise, being financed by the European Economic Community (EEC) alongwith the amount thereof;

(b) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh have approached the EEC to take up more funds/projects; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) There is no irrigation project in Madhya Pradesh financed with EEC assistance.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Jobs to SCs and STs through PSC's and UPSC

675. SHRI JOY NANDUKKARA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes who got jobs through PSC's and the U.P.S.C. during the last three years;

(b) whether sufficient applications were received from qaualified candidates belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes during the last five years to fill the vacancies reserved for them;

(c) whether Government have received any representations from the converted Christians demanding reservation for jobs for them also, if so, the Government's decision in this regard; and

(d) the total number of Christians in India, converted from scheduled castes and scheduled tribes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K.V. THANGKA BALU): (a) A statement showing the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates who were finally recommended for appointment by the UPSC during the last three years is given below.

The information in respect of PSC's has been called for from all States and will be laid on the Table of the House as and when received.

(b) In so far as UPSC is concerned, sufficient number of applications were received for all the reserved posts for scheduled castes and scheduled tribes excepting the following competitive examinations for which the scheduled tribes applicants were less than the vacancies reserved for them:—

1. Combined Medical Services Exam., 1990.
2. Assistanct Engineer (CPWD) Limited Departmental Competitive Examination, 1989 & 1992.
3. Section Officers/Stenographers (Grade B/Grade I) Ltd. Deptl. Exam. Comp. Exam., 1990, 1991, 1992 & 1993.
4. Grade-I (U.S.) Ltd. Depatmental Competitive Exam, for SC/ST, 1993.

(c) Reservation benefits are extended, to those converted Christians who have been included in the Central list of OBCs for the purpose of providing reservation in direct recruitment in Civil posts and services under the Government of India.

(d) No such statistics is available.

Statement

The Number of SC and ST Candidates Recommended for Appointment by UPSC During the Last Three Years Through Various Examination.

Year	No. of Candidates Recommended for Appointment		
	SC	ST	Total
1991-92	525	221	74«
1992-93	546	234	780
1993-94	416	242	65S

Statement Showing the Number of SC and ST Candidates Recommended foi Appointment for Selection Posts by UPSC During the Last Four Years

Year	No. of Candidate! Recommended foi Appointment		
	SC	ST	Tota
1991-92	422	105	52'
1992-93	204	83	28
1993-94	288	160	44
1994-95	192	78	27